

In the Claims:

Claims 1-15 (Cancelled).

Claims 16-38 (Cancelled).

39. (Previously added) A method of applying an amino resin gluing system to a substrate, comprising the steps of:

- (a) feeding an amino resin component to at least a first orifice;
- (b) feeding a hardener component to at least a second orifice; and
- (c) discharging said resin and hardener components through said respective first and second orifices in the form of strands or as a spray onto the substrate, said discharged components remaining physically isolated from each other until at least one of said components contacts said substrate;

wherein the hardener comprises a volatile acid and is either free from filler or includes filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight.

40. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the resin component is applied in the form of strands, and thereafter the hardener component is applied by means of spraying.

41. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the components of the gluing systems are separately applied in the form of strands, and in optional order, onto the substrate.

42. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the later applied strands of one component substantially overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

*Substantially the same as claim 39*

43. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener component is applied in the form of strands on top of the resin component applied in the form of strands.

44. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not overlap the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

45. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the later applied strands of one component do not contact the corresponding previously applied strands of the other component.

46. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

47. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the weight ratio of hardener to resin is 1:3.5 - 1:2.

48. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener is either free from filler or comprises a filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight.

49. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener is either free from filler or comprises a filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight.

49. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener is free from filler.

50. (New) A method according to claim 39, wherein the hardener comprises a filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight.

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51. (New) A hardener composition for use in a method of separate application of resin and hardener components of an amino resin gluing system onto a substrate, wherein the hardener is either free from filler or comprises a filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight and further comprises a thickener and a volatile acid, wherein the components of the gluing system are applied in the form of strands or by means of spraying, or any combination thereof, in optional order of application.

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52. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 51, comprising formic acid in an amount of 10-30% by weight.

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53. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 51, wherein the volatile acid is selected from the group consisting of formic acid, acetic acid, pyrovic acid and mixtures thereof.

54. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 51, comprising a filler in an amount of less than 10% by weight.

55. (New) A hardener composition according to claim 51, comprising a filler in an amount of less than 20% by weight.

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